of minor irrigation schemes potential including lift irrigation in the State of Andhra Pradesh about 28.62 lakh hectares is reported as exploited by the end of VIIth Plan.

DTC Losses

434. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the losses of the DIG are mounting day by day;

(b) if so, the total losses suffered by DTC during 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(c) whether Government have recently contemplated any fresh steps to bring down the losses of the DTC;

(d) whether in view of higher losses, Government propose to revise its fare structure; and

(e) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The losses incurred by DTC during 1989-90 and 1990-91 (upto January, 1991) are as under:

Year	Working loss excluding depreciation and interest charges	Net loss including depreciation and interest charges.
1989-90 (Provisional)	5757 50 lakhs	11984-56 lakhs
1990-91 (Provisional) (Upto January, 1991)	(5379- 58 lakhs	13611-50 lakhs

(c) to (e) A proposal to revise the DTC fares is under consideration of the Government. If revised the DTC fares it can be expected that the losses in the DTC could be brought down considerably. DTC are also taking steps on a continuing basis to increase productivity, reduce cost per unit and enforce economy measures, prevent leakages with a view to increase revenue collection and reduce working losses. Rationalisation of routes is another measure which is being undertaken by DTC for improving its performance.

Replacement of Fleet of **Shipping** Vessels

435. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH **HANSPAL: Will the Minister of SUR-**FACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have directed the Shipping Credit and Investment Corporation of India Limited ensure high quality shipping vessels in India b/ replacing existing fleet during the Eighth Plan;

(b) if so, the expenditure involved in replacing the existing fleet with the high quality shipping vessels; and

(c) the manner in which Government or SCICI propose to replace the full fleet?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) No, **Sir.**

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Based on the existing age norms, a total of 183 overaged vessels are due to be replaced in the Eighth Plan. Out of these, as many as 87 vessels need to be replaced by the end of 1991 itself. However, due to resource constraints, higher prices currently ruling for second hand